St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Seventh Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
February 23, 2020

Love your enemies, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes the sun rise on the bad and the good.

Matthew 5:44. 45

“The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.”

On behalf of St. Patrick’s Parish, I joyfully welcome you. Our hope is all who come to St. Patrick’s will know the love of Christ. By God’s mercy, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our patron St. Patrick, you will truly encounter the risen Lord and experience the Joy of the Gospel.

If you would like more information about our parish, please visit our website at www.StPatsSonora.org. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to request a new member packet. I would like to meet all of you. I am available for appointments. Please call me at (209) 532-7139 ext. 112 or email frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Banka’s Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

This weekend’s readings explain to us the basis of Jewish and Christian morality, the holiness of the loving, merciful and compassionate One God. God’s chosen people were, and are, expected to be holy people sharing in God’s holiness by embodying His love, mercy and forgiveness.

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, gives the holiness code: “Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.” It also gives us the way to share God’s holiness: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus confirms, corrects, and expands the Ten Commandments. Here, Jesus condemns even the mild form of the “Law of the Talion, (Lex Talionis),” the Babylonian tribal law of restricted retaliation which Moses passed on to Israel. In its place, Jesus gives His new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character, as well as strengthening by God’s grace. The second part of today’s Gospel passage is the central part of the Sermon on the Mount. It presents the Christian ethic of personal relationships: love one’s neighbors and forgive one’s enemies. It tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others with loving kindness and mercy, even if they don’t deserve it. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with agápe love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as He did for us.

These Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving, and blessing others, even our enemies with graceful and magnanimous love, as our Holy God does. So, let’s prepare our hearts to enter into the graceful season of Lent to live and to love like Christ. Thank you!

In the Merciful Christ,
Fr. Banka

St. Patrick’s Parish Lenten Mission
Saturday March 21
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Fr. Yesobu Banka presents:

Seven Words from the Cross

Please join us for a time of inspiration and spiritual growth, as we reflect on the spoken words of Christ while on the Cross.

All are welcome!

The Diocese of Stockton
Bishop’s Ministry Appeal continues this weekend.

Fr. Banka would like everyone to read the insert in this Bulletin, and remember to please make your contribution this week if possible.

Thank you for your generosity!

Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
FAITH: Proclaiming, Sharing, Living!
**February 23, 2020**

**This Week in our Parish**

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**Ash Wednesday Services**

St. Patrick’s:
† Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 8:00 am & 6:30 pm
† Distribution of Ashes (no Mass) at 12:00 noon

OLMC:
† Mass with Distribution of Ashes at 4:00 pm

“Behold, NOW is a very acceptable time; Behold, NOW is the day of salvation.”
2 Corinthians 6:2

**Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Suppers**

Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on February 28, and continue every Friday evening in Lent.
5:00 pm OLMC
6:00 pm St. Patrick’s

Please join us for this wonderful tradition and beautiful time of fellowship in Christ.

**INTO YOUR HANDS**

O LORD, we commend the soul of Bonnie Patania.
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Dear Parents,**

St. Patrick’s is greatly in need of more children to serve as Altar Servers during Mass. As an Altar Server, your child will assist the Priest during Mass, learn more about the significance of the order of Mass, develop a deeper understanding of the Eucharist, and most importantly be serving the Lord! If you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to encourage and support your child in this great ministry, please talk to Fr. Banka after Mass, or call the Parish office and leave a message and Fr. Banka will call you back. God Bless you!

**California Primary Election Day**

Tuesday March 3
It’s your Right
It’s your Voice
It’s your VOTE!

St. Patrick’s Parish is following Bishop Cotta and the Diocese of Stockton’s recommendations to suspend Communion from the Chalice during this flu season. This is only a temporary measure. We will again distribute Communion from the Chalice as soon as Bishop Cotta informs us it is safe to do so. We pray that all in our community stay healthy this winter!

**World famous Catholic Speaker Chris Stefanick** is coming to Turlock for a youth event on Wed March 11
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

The event is called Reboot, focusing on renewing our faith and growing closer to Christ. We need parents to volunteer to be drivers for this event!!! If you are interested and can drive a few teens in your car, please reach out to me so I can get you the paperwork and we can plan carpools!!! I would love to get our youth group to hear this great speaker!!! Help me plan ahead early so we can get enough tickets!!!

Thank You!!!

Angela Cordes, Youth Ministry Coordinator
angela@stpatssonora.org
(760) 399-0438
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Jackie Boling
Aldo Diaz
Claudia Day Fossum
Ed Hall
Eileen Hogan
David & Carol James
Jeanne Kiely
Rosemarie Lapan
Kathy Lopez
Ashlie Lotz
Lois Marzocchi
Josiah McKnight
Lee O’Shaughnessy
Jan Opie
Gloria & Nuncy Patania
Juan Pulido
Mary Russell
Connie Scott
Clay Sweeney
Dan Ward

To add or remove a name from this list, please contact the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

Life Matters

Forty Days for Life begins on Monday, March 2. We will stand on the corner of Mono Way and Greenley every Monday in Lent, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. All participants are asked to stand for one hour. Be the voice for those who have no voice. We must protect the innocent, and give true support to the women who carry them. Please choose your hour, and sign up in the Parish Office or after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday.

“The mark of ash we receive on Ash Wednesday is a sign that helps us find our direction: it is a reminder that of the many things occupying our thoughts, which we chase after and worry about every day, nothing will remain. No matter how hard we work, we will take no wealth with us from this life. Earthly realities fade away like dust in the wind. Possessions are temporary, power passes, success wanes. The culture of appearance prevalent today, which persuades us to live for passing things, is a great deception. It is like a blaze: once ended, only ash remains.”

Pope Francis
Ash Wednesday Homily, 2019

33rd CONGRESO CATOLICO JUVENIL
Diócesis de Stockton

Jóvenes, los invitamos al Congreso Juvenil.
Habrá temas de interés para la juventud, música, teatro, oración, y un gran concierto con Tony Melendez.
Conferencias para adolescentes, Jóvenes y Quinceañeras.
Conferencistas: Invitado especial el Obispo Myron J. Cotta y otros.

Fecha: 14 de marzo, 2020
Horario: 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Lugar: Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 K. Street, Modesto
Costo: $12.00 Incluye lunch y Concierto
Para más información comunique al (209) 466-0636 ext. 627 o 632; o vía email: jlopez@stocktondiocese.org
https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/youth-youngadult-ministry/

33rd Youth & Young Adults Catholic Conference
Diocese of Stockton
Young people are invited to the Youth Congress. There will be music, plays, prayer, and a great concert with TONY MELENDEZ.
Special guest Speakers: Bishop Myron J. Cotta and others. Conferences for teenagers, Young Adults, and Quinceañeras.

Date: March 14, 2020
Time: 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Place: Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 K. Street, Modesto
Cost: $12.00 include lunch and concert.
For more information (209) 466-0636 ext. 627 or 632; or email José López jlopez@stocktondiocese.org or visit https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/youth-youngadult-ministry/

Funerals

Jane Jones Saturday, February 29 11:00 am
Bonnie Patania Saturday, March 7 1:00 pm

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors, EMHC, Altar Servers, and Ushers:
If there are any dates you know you are NOT available to minister during the 2nd Quarter of 2020 (April, May, June), please let Sandra Betti know by Friday, March 6th. Please call 532-7139, ext. 109, or email your dates to sandra@stpatssonora.org, or leave a note in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your ministry!
Mass for the Week

Saturday February 22 ~ Sunday March 1

Saturday 5:00 pm  Lizbeth Gutierrez  Margaret Hilgersom (Healing)
Sunday 7:30 am  Clay & Barbara Sweeney (Happy Anniversary!)
                  David Costa (Healing)
                  Tete Arellano
                  Darlene Boyd (Healing)
11:00 am  All Souls in Purgatory  Carl Stephen King, Sr.
5:00 pm  Jose Torrez Ramirez  Domingo Diaz

We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Monday 3/2 ~ Altar Society Meeting 1:00 pm
Sunday 3/8 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
Tuesday 3/17 ~ St. Patrick’s Day
Saturday 3/21 ~ Parish Mission 10:00 am - Noon
                   “Seven Words from the Cross”
Saturday 3/21 & Sunday 3/22 ~ Ministry Weekend
Sunday 3/22 ~ La Fiesta de San Jose, 3:00 pm Misa
Tuesday 3/24 ~ Lenten Penance Service, 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s
Friday 3/27 ~ Lenten Penance Service, 4:00 pm OLMC
Thursday 4/2 ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton, 6:00 pm
Sunday 4/5 ~ Palm Sunday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday February 24 ~ Sunday March 1
Monday:  Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:  Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:  JI 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
                  2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:  Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:  Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:  Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:  Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
                  Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday February 23 ~ Saturday February 29
Sunday:  Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:  Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Weekly Offerings

| Weekly Goal  
| $ 10,000 |
| 2-9-20  |
| Week 6 Participation 28% |
| 2-16-20  |
| Week 7 Participation 27% |
| February Totals To Date |

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Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!